



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

July 8, 2008

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL
DISTRICT TO THE CITIES OF SIERRA MADRE AND TEMPLE CITY AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS
(FIFTH DISTRICT – 3 - VOTE MATTER)**

SUBJECT

These actions will allocate \$18,500 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District to the City of Sierra Madre for the development of Goldberg Park and \$46,400 to the City of Temple City for the purchase and installation of a fitness center at Live Oak Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons cited herein.
2. Allocate Cities Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District in the amount of \$18,500 to the City of Sierra Madre for the Goldberg Park Development Project.
3. Allocate Cities Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District in the amount of \$46,400 to the City of Temple City for the Live Oak Park Outdoor Fitness Center Project.

4. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants to the cities of Sierra Madre and Temple City when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$18,500 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District to the City of Sierra Madre for the development of Goldberg Park, which is a .22 acre passive park. Native trees and landscaping will compliment park elements that evoke the area's Gabriellino Native American history. The total cost for the park is estimated at \$135,000 which includes the recommended \$18,500 in Cities Excess funds, \$61,500 in Federal Land and Water Conservations Funds and \$55,000 in local contributions.

Approval of the recommended actions will also allocate \$46,400 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District to the City of Temple City for the installation of a ten-station outdoor fitness center for park patrons of all ages at Live Oak Park. The project, to be installed at an existing playground area, will also include rubber surfacing. The total cost of the project is the recommended \$46,400 in Cities Excess Funds.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the 1992 and 1996 Propositions encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. Both cities have met this requirement.

It is also recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grants to the two cities when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by your Board.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being), and Goal No. 6 (Community Services) by allocating Excess Funds for projects to enhance recreational opportunities in the Cities of Sierra Madre and Temple City in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$64,900 is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will enhance recreational opportunities in the Cities of Sierra Madre and Temple City in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City of Sierra Madre is the lead agency for the Goldberg Park Development Project and the City of Temple City is the lead agency for the Live Oak Park Outdoor Fitness Center Project.

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments at this time to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director, Parks and Recreation

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c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel